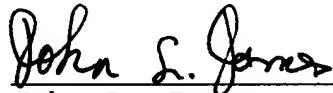


REMARKS

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. Claim 21 has been allowed. Claims 8 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled and the subject matter thereof incorporated into parent claim 1. Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled and the subject matter thereof incorporated into parent claim 9.

It is believed that the claims in the application are allowable over the prior art and that the application is in condition for immediate allowance.

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